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AREAS AT OVERSEAS POSTS

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1. OUR STRENGTH IS JUST BEGINNING TO DEVELOP, THOUGH WE HAVE BEEN NURTURING IT FOR SOME TIME. LAST YEAR WE INSTALLED TWO ELECTRICALLY CONTROLLED GRILLED DOORS TO CONTROL ACCESS TO THE USIS/AID WING AND THE SECOND/THIRD FLOORS WHICH HOUSE THE EXECUTIVE, COMMERCIAL AND MORE AID OFFICES, AND THE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER. THIS WAS MERELY PRELIMINARY AND OF LITTLE PROTECTION BECAUSE THE RECEPTIONIST WHO CONTROLS THE DOORS SITS BEHIND AN UNPROTECTED COUNTER. OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS THE BULLETPROOF GLASS TO SECURE THE AREA ARRIVED, THE MSG COMPLEMENT WAS INCREASED BY ONE TO PROVIDE 24-HR COVERAGE, AND JUST LAST WEEK WE ACQUIRED THE NECESSARY INTERCOM TO PERMIT INSTALLATION OF THE GLASS. SHORTLY, THE INTENDED PROTECTION WILL BE REALIZED.

2. A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF VISITORS TO THE EXECUTIVE, COMMERCIAL, AID AND USIS OFFICES ARE KNOWN AND USUALLY

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EXPECTED. ALL VISITORS ARE ESCORTED TO AND FROM OFFICES.

3. WE DO HAVE OUR WEAKNESSES, HOWEVER;

A. THERE IS FREE ACCESS TO A FOUR-OFFICE AREA OCCUPIED BY THE POLITICAL OFFICER, CONSULAR OFFICER AND FSL ASSISTANT, AND THE FSL POUCH CLERK. THE POL OFF KEEPS HIS DOOR BOLTED AT ALL TIMES AND HAS A VIEWER TO ALLOW HIM TO SEE THE CALLER. MINIMAL PROTECTION, AT BEST.

B. WE PLAN TO INSTALL A THIRD GRILLED DOOR TO LIMIT ACCESS TO THIS AREA, BUT THERE ARE OBVIOUS DRAWBACKS. THE VISITORS TO THE CONSULAR SECTION ARE GENERALLY NOT KNOWN AND GIVEN THE VOLUMINOUS ROBES WORN HERE, ANYONE ON APPARENTLY LEGITIMATE CONSULAR BUSINESS COULD CONCEAL A SMALL ARSENAL. CERTAINLY, I DO NOT WANT EVERYONE FRISKED WHO ENTERS THE CHANCELLERY. I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING FROM RSO ABIDJAN HOW OTHER POSTS ARE HANDLING THE PROBLEM AND IF THE WALK-THROUGH METAL DETECTORS ARE IN USE IN USG BUILDINGS OVERSEAS.

C. WE HAVE A SIMILAR PROBLEM WITH THE USIS LIBRARY. THERE IS NO AMERICAN EMPLOYEE THERE, BUT THE FACILITIES ARE USED BY AMERICAN DEPENDENTS, FULLBRIGHT PROFESSOR, PCV'S ETC. TO CONTROL ACCESS TO IT WOULD REQUIRE THE METAL DETECTOR AND AN ADDITIONAL MARINE. THERE IS FORTUNATELY NO DIRECT ACCESS FROM THE LIBRARY TO THE CHANCELLERY.

D. THE ADMIN AND GENERAL SERVICES OFFICERS, THE NURSE, 3 AMERICANS AND 2 FSL AID EMPLOYEES ARE LOCATED ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE CHANCELLERY AND VULNERABLE. THE NATURE OF THE WORK OF THE FIRST TWO AND THE LAYOUT OF THE LEASED BUILDING (SHARED WITH THE OWNER) MAKE PROTECTION IMPRACTICAL. WE WILL GIVE MORE THOUGHT TO THIS AREA, HOWEVER.

E. AID EMPLOYEES WILL EVENTUALLY BE AFFORDED PROTECTION WHEN THE WING TO THE CHANCELLERY IS CONSTRUCTED. THIS AID FUNDED WING WAS APPROVED BY FBO IN PRINCIPLE MONTHS AGO, BUT WE ARE STILL AWAITING AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED. YOU LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COULD BE OF GREAT HELP BY HAVING SOMEONE INQUIRE ABOUT THE STATUS OF THIS PROJECT, AND MOVE IT ALONG.

F. WHILE YOUR MESSAGE IS DIRECTED TO PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS, FOR THE RECORD I THINK YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THE DCM AND I LIVE IN HOUSES WHICH GIVE THE RSO AND PSO NIGHTMARES. WITH VAST EXPANSES OF GLASS AND SLIDING DOORS WHICH NEITHER CLOSE NOR LOCK PROPERLY THERE SEEMS TO BE NO WAY TO SECURE

THE PROPERTIES WITHOUT COMPLETELY DESTROYING ALL AESTHETIC VALUE. SEVERAL TEAMS OF SY EXPERTS HAVE SEEN THE HOUSES AND SYMPATHIZE WITH THEM. THERE ARE PLANS, HOWEVER, TO INSTALL METAL DOORS TO THE THE MASTER BEDROOM AREAS, AND I PERSONALLY AM NOT LOSING ANY SLEEP OVER THE SITUATION.

4. PERSONAL REGARDS.

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